

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TRIBAL POPULATION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the composition of Tribal and Primitive Tribal population and their spatial spread as per the 2011 Census;
- (b) whether the Government has appointed any Group of Ministers to examine the modalities of enumeration of caste in Census, 2011; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a): The population of Scheduled Tribes as per the Census 2001 is given in the Annexure. This includes all Primitive Tribes notified as STs. Separate data on Primitive Tribes not notified as STs is not available in Census.

(b) to (c) : A Group of Ministers (GoM) was formed under the Chairmanship of Shri Pranab Mukherjee, the then Union Finance Minister. The GoM had three sittings after which it sent its recommendations to the Union Cabinet. The Cabinet accepted the recommendations of the GoM and decided to conduct a Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC) as a separate exercise in phased manner from June 2011. The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (MoHUPA) are the nodal Ministries in respect of SECC in rural and urban areas respectively. The Office of Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India in Ministry of Home Affairs is providing all technical and logistic support to the entire exercise. The SECC will provide socio-economic and demographic details of each caste/tribe.